



STATE ROUTE 99 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

June 2001



Project Purpose: Caltrans highway corridors are integral parts of the communities they traverse and are gateways to urbanized areas. The need to enhance the appearance of these corridors for adjacent communities as well as long distance travelers is apparent. Recognizing this need, Caltrans intends to work cooperatively with communities and local agencies to beautify and modernize California's highways in both rural and urban areas.

The purpose of the project is to assist in the various Caltrans efforts to clean, beautify, and protect visual resources and overall aesthetics along the 99 corridor in Fresno. This project was developed as a "showcase" project. It is the first of its' kind in California. The success of this project may result in implementation of similar efforts statewide.

Description: This project includes many upgrades and innovative ideas to meet the objective of beautifying the Freeway 99 corridor through Fresno. The modifications include landscape planting and irrigation, replacing and upgrading the sign panels, replacing and upgrading the overhead lighting, replacing and upgrading the fencing on the overhead bridges, painting an accent color on the overhead bridges, color staining the concrete median barriers, placing enhanced paving at the on- and off-ramp transitions, placing enhanced paving on the side slopes under the bridges, installing five (5) Highway Mosaic Walls, and placing three (3) screen walls to block the undesirable views from the Freeway.

Project Limits: American Avenue Overcrossing Bridge to the San Joaquin River Bridge

Project Cost: \$6.0 Million

Funding Source: Both State and Federal Funds from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

Project Schedule: Begin Construction June 2001
Complete Construction Spring 2002

Agency

Responsibilities: Caltrans: Planning, Design, and Construction Management